

FOREIGN BROADCAST INFORMATION SERVICE
HONG KONG BUREAU

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service
THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group
SUBJECT : Monthly Report--Hong Kong Bureau--July 1987

I. GENERAL

1. July saw FBA-1 successfully installed in the bureau. No major problems were encountered as the benchmarks SAT (Site Acceptance Test), ORD (Operational Readiness Demonstration) and IOC (Initial Operating Capability) were passed on 2, 7 and 15 July, respectively. Even though at times there were as many as 13 LEC and TDY FBISers in the bureau working with FBA-1 installation, formal training was being given and bureau employees had to adapt to new equipment and procedures, bureau production for the month was not affected. In fact, publishable wordage was the second highest for the year. Certainly FBA-1 made the job of the commo operators and monitors easier. The editors were the only ones to develop a backlog as they adapted to a more cumbersome system on the LAN for handling AFP and struggled to keep up with increased monitor output. The departure of editors [redacted] towards the end of the month also had an impact.

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2. Training had the biggest potential for disrupting the work of the bureau. This, however, did not materialize because of the flexibility of the LEC trainers and the high percentage of bureau employees familiar with PC's and the word processor WRITENOW. The formal training period for the commo operators, editors and monitors did not take as long as first envisioned. Training soon became on-the-job, with the LEC trainers walking the floors to answer questions and provide assistance. System Administration training took longer and stretched over a 2 1/2 week period. The amount of training, though, was sufficient and by the end of the month the system administrators were maintaining the FBA-1 system by themselves.

3. One immediate impact of FBA-1 was the sudden surplus of equipment, i.e., typewriters, Forum PC's and Extels. While some typewriters are still needed for the 3X5 cards used as controls for items in the translation process, we find ourselves well-supplied with IMB Selectric II's. Five Forums were shipped to Seoul Bureau. The remaining Forums and IBM PC's have been dedicated to specific jobs at the bureau. The Extels were shipped to Okinawa.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. The bureau signed an agreement with XINHUA English Wire Service in Hong Kong with service to begin mid-August. Since the standard XINHUA agreement did not meet our requirements, some negotiation was involved to secure the desired wording. If past practice holds, the bureau will not need to negotiate this agreement annually but merely extend the current one.

2. Poor reception of Philippine radios continues to impact on the bureau's ability to cover key pronouncements by President Aquino. The Philippine unit was able to text, albeit with gaps, an eight-take item on Aquino's 22 July press conference on the Comprehensive Land Reform Program. But very poor to unmonitorable conditions precluded processing from radio of Aquino's 27 July inaugural speech to the joint session of the Senate and House of Representatives. Full text of the speech was later filed from the 28 July issue of MANILA BULLETIN.

3. Lagtime for receipt of Chinese journals decreased dramatically from 2-3 months to 2 weeks when we began receiving copies through our Beijing contractor. In the past we placed many of our subscriptions with Guoji Shudian which provided good service. This past year Guoji Shudian has placed its overseas subscription service with CITBC and timely receipts became a thing of the past.

B. Lateral Services

1. At the request of the Economic Section of the Hong Kong Consulate, the bureau refiled a seven-take SHIJIE JINGJI DAOBAO article on the role China's foreign exchange rates play in China's exports to some 17 embassies and missions involved with trade and trade negotiations.

2. BBC requested and the Chinese unit expedited routine processing a 17-take interview with Fang Lizhi, the "Sakharov of China" from the Hong Kong monthly CHENG MING.

C. Technical

1. Lightning storms played havoc with our communication links to the antenna field on Mt. Butler during the month. The microwave link went down when an open-circuited isolation transformer in the Mt. Butler microwave room was damaged by lightning. Several days later the backup T1 telephone link was knocked out by lightning. It took the telephone company 24 hours to restore the line. Fortunately, neither system was down at the same time.

2. Equipment received during the month:

1 Epson FX800 printer S/N 02009627

2 LIPS laser printers, M/N LIPS-10, S/N 861220000005 and
8701200002

3. Equipment disposed of:

2 Forum PC's including system units, monitors and keyboards
(S/N 05, 06) to Seoul Bureau

5 B305-PS Extels and stepper box (S/N 45291, 115916, 0192910,
0192911, 0192912, 02009627, 250262) to Okinawa

III. ADMINISTRATION

Personnel

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1. A Foreign National promotion ceremony was held in the
bureau chief's office 1 July. Associate editors [redacted]
[redacted] monitors [redacted] and administrative
assistant [redacted] received promotions.

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2. Chinese monitor [redacted] submitted her
resignation effective 15 August. After two months with the bureau,
Lisa is taking a job in Hong Kong's banking industry.

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3. Deputy Bureau Chief [redacted] and his wife [redacted]
[redacted] departed PCS 22 July.

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IV. VISITS

1. As FBA-1 installation was completed, members of the LEC
team and FBIS TDYers departed. [redacted]

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2. Political Officer Herbert Thomas of the Guangzhou
Consulate for briefing and discussions on 23 July.

V. COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

FBIS monitors [redacted] were elected to the
1987-1989 Committee which manages the Foreign National Employees
Association of the Consulate.

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Bureau Chief

Attachment and 3 - HQs

cc: 1 - C/Bangkok
1 - C/Okinawa
1 - C/Seoul

HONG KONG BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR JULY 1967

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	1175690
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	87690
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	1499

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:	2810	14550	230
III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES: (PUBLISHABLE WORDS PER MONTH)			

CHINA			
BEIJING INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN TAGALOG	2100		
CHANGSHA HUNAN PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	11070		
CHENGDU SICHUAN PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	4820		
GUANGZHOU GUANGDONG PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	10600		
GUIYANG GUIZHOU PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	4410		
HAIKOU HAINAN ISLAND SERVICE IN MANDARIN	3200		
KUNMING YUNNAN PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	4950		
LANZHOU GANSU PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	5410		
LHASA XIZANG REGIONAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	10150		
NANNING GUANGXI REGIONAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	5680		
TAIYUAN SHANXI PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	2720		
URUMQI XINJIANG REGIONAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	7330		
WUHAN HUBEI PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	6400		
XIAN SHAANXI PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	10770		
XINING QINGHAI PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	6700		
ZHENGZHOU HENAN PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	7400		
BEIJING XINHUA HONG KONG SERVICE IN CHINESE		2150	
BEIJING BAN YUE TAN IN CHINESE			7570

BEIJING CHINA DAILY IN ENGLISH	39260
BEIJING GONGREN RIBAO IN CHINESE	3350
BEIJING GUANGMING RIBAO IN CHINESE	66350
BEIJING GUOJI SHANGBAO IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING GUOJI WENTI YANJIU IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING HONGQI IN CHINESE	65770
BEIJING JIEFANGJUN BAO IN CHINESE	30470
BEIJING JINGJI CANKAO IN CHINESE	2510
BEIJING JINGJI GUANLI IN CHINESE	12760
BEIJING JINGJI RIBAO IN CHINESE	36810
BEIJING JINGJI YANJIU IN CHINESE	51250
BEIJING JINGJIXUE ZHOUBAO IN CHINESE	3710
BEIJING LIAOWANG IN CHINESE	13780
BEIJING LISHI YANJIU IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING NONGMIN RIBAO IN CHINESE	6260
BEIJING RENMIN RIBAO IN CHINESE	168510
BEIJING RENMIN RIBAO OVERSEAS EDITION IN CHINESE	7810
BEIJING SHIJIE JINGJI IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING SHIJIE LISHI IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING SHIJIE ZHISHI IN CHINESE	17890
BEIJING WENYI BAO IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING WENZHAI BAO IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING XINWEN ZHANXIAN IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING ZHEXUE YANJIU IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING ZHONGGUO FAZHI BAO IN CHINESE	1850
BEIJING ZHONGGUO JINGJI TIZHI GAIGE IN CHINESE	9520
BEIJING ZHONGGUO QINGNIAN BAO IN CHINESE	0
CHENGDU SICHUAN RIBAO IN CHINESE	4480

CHONGQING CHONGQING RIBAO IN	
CHINESE	3400
GUANGZHOU KAIFANG IN	
CHINESE	0
GUANGZHOU NANFANG RIBAO IN	
CHINESE	21610
GUANGZHOU YANGCHENG WANBAO IN	
CHINESE	0
HONG KONG LIAOWANG OVERSEAS EDITION IN	
CHINESE	25320
KUNMING YUNNAN RIBAO IN	
CHINESE	0
SHANGHAI SHIJIE JINGJI DAOBAO IN	
CHINESE	14390
TAIYUAN SHANXI RIBAO IN	
CHINESE	5770
WUHAN CHANGJIANG RIBAO IN	
CHINESE	0
WUHAN HUBEI RIBAO IN	
CHINESE	1620
XIAN SHAANXI RIBAO IN	
CHINESE	0

HONG KONG	
HONG KONG COMMERCIAL RADIO IN	
ENGLISH	0
HONG KONG DOMESTIC SERVICE IN	
ENGLISH	360
HONG KONG ASIA TELEVISION LIMITED IN	
ENGLISH	500
HONG KONG AFP IN	
ENGLISH	55550
HONG KONG ZHONGGUO TONGXUN SHE IN	
CHINESE	5640
HONG KONG ZHONGGUO XINWEN SHE IN	
CHINESE	41620
HONG KONG ASIAWEEK IN	
ENGLISH	5990
HONG KONG CHANWANG IN	
CHINESE	0
HONG KONG CHENG MING IN	
CHINESE	27960
HONG KONG CHING PAO IN	
CHINESE	12620
HONG KONG CHIUSHIH NIENTAI IN	
CHINESE	0
HONG KONG FAR EASTERN ECONOMIC REVIEW IN	
ENGLISH	13070

HONG KONG HONGKONG STANDARD IN ENGLISH	18380
HONG KONG HSIN WAN PAO IN CHINESE	2590
HONG KONG KUANG CHIAO CHING IN CHINESE	6560
HONG KONG MING PAO IN CHINESE	3360
HONG KONG PAI HSING IN CHINESE	8900
HONG KONG SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST IN ENGLISH	33450
HONG KONG SOUTH CHINA SUNDAY MORNING POST IN ENGLISH	4530
HONG KONG SUNDAY STANDARD IN ENGLISH	0
HONG KONG TA KUNG PAO IN CHINESE	6580
HONG KONG TA KUNG PAO IN ENGLISH	910
HONG KONG WEN WEI PO IN CHINESE	4700

PHILIPPINES	
BAGUIO CITY MOUNTAIN PROVINCE BROADCASTING COMPANY IN ENGLISH	1340
LAOAG CITY NATION BROADCASTING COMPANY CORP. STATION DWRI IN ILOCANO	0
MANILA FAR EAST BROADCASTING COMPANY IN ENGLISH	16930
MANILA RADIO VERITAS IN TAGALOG	2430
QUEZON CITY RADYO NG BAYAN IN TAGALOG	8890
QUEZON CITY SPORTS RADIO 738 IN ENGLISH	15160
DAVAO CITY MINDANAO TIMES IN ENGLISH	310
DAVAO CITY PEOPLE'S DAILY FORUM IN ENGLISH	0
DAVAO CITY PERIODIKO DABAW IN ENGLISH	210
DAVAO CITY THE DAILY SAN PEDRO EXPRESS IN ENGLISH	280
DAVAO CITY THE MINDANAO DAILY MIRROR IN ENGLISH	1370
MANILA MANILA BULLETIN IN ENGLISH	68900
MANILA MR. & MRS. (SPECIAL EDITION) IN ENGLISH	0

MANILA PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER IN ENGLISH	42130
MANILA THE MANILA CHRONICLE IN ENGLISH	21940
MANILA THE MANILA TIMES IN ENGLISH	1430
MANILA THE NEW PHILIPPINES DAILY EXPRESS IN ENGLISH	0
MANILA THE NEW PHILIPPINES SUNDAY EXPRESS IN ENGLISH	0
MANILA THE PHILIPPINES STAR IN ENGLISH	4280
MANILA THE SUNDAY TIMES IN ENGLISH	0
QUEZON CITY MALAYA IN ENGLISH	7500
QUEZON CITY THE MANILA TIMES IN ENGLISH	1420
QUEZON CITY WE FORUM IN ENGLISH	0